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**FROM THE EDITORS****Federal Election Lacks Authenticity**

CAMERON RAYNOR  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

There's a serious problem with this election campaign – there's no authenticity. So far, this has been an election of sound bites, with each party releasing a barrage of carefully scripted lines that feel more like a collection of product taglines than a conversation about politics.

Let's review what we know so far about the major political parties and their leaders:

At this point we know that Trudeau stands for 'real change' and has 'nice hair'. Mulcair offers 'change that's ready' – as opposed to 'change that isn't ready'. Mulcair will also tell you, along with anyone/anything that will listen, he plans to 'create 15 dollar a day childcare'. Harper, on the other hand, offers the incredibly vague promise of 'proven leadership'. Beyond that, his Conservatives vow to protect the economy from 'the same old NDP playbook'.

The campaigns we're seeing feel contrived. The major political parties are

broken records spouting the same hyper-refined lines over and over again. Everything is manufactured. Journalists have to go through public relations teams and have their interview questions pre-screened just to talk to candidates. As for

tedy, these comments can be a legitimate cause for concern, but the idea that we're supposed to believe everyone running for politics has only ever uttered scripted, politically correct comments is unconvincing.

The result of all this is a fake that's had to ignore. South of the border we're seeing Donald Trump garner a huge amount of support by speaking off the cuff and ignoring nearly every rule in the political playbook. The interesting thing with Trump is how often his supporters are willing to forgive him when he screws up – which is often.

Closer to home, Rob Ford rocked Toronto's political establishment with a similarly unapologetic campaign. Even after numerous scandals, many voters still preferred Ford's authenticity to the manufactured campaigns of his rivals.

It's time for the major players in Canadian politics to step out of the bubble of contrived political campaigns and start engaging authentically with Canadians. Maybe then we can start having a meaningful conversation about the future of the country. Until then, may the best PR team win.

the general public, they need not apply.

If a candidate strays from the official party line, they're bad news. Numerous candidates have been dropped by parties for slips they've made on social media or elsewhere.

The irony is, these slips are exactly what make the candidates feel authentic. Everyone can remember a time when they've said something stupid or insensitive. Admit-

victions. These convictions are why not having Facebook works for me.

Starting from the top, my first reason is that it eliminates so much drama from my life. I do not need to see or even know the latest fight that is going on, or how that one guy I went to elementary school with has made his uniporn relationship status change. These are not things that enrich my life, so I choose to cut them out.

I realize that this is not a choice that everyone is comfortable making. That is fine. Facebook serves its purpose. I honestly prefer to not be a part of something that makes my life more complicated, or is only summed up by the good things that are happening to me.

If anyone wants to get to know me, they have to commit the time to a face-to-face interaction with me. I love meeting new people, and now since I have made this my primary form of interaction, I hardly forget a face.

Wouldn't it be amazing if we had a Facebook free 'zone' or 'day', and saw if it really made a difference in how we interacted, in more than just my life? Food for thought.

The largest contributing factor to my personal Facebook protest is my strongest objection to social media as a whole. I, frankly, do not want everyone to know what is going on in my life. I often have people tell me that Facebook is a great way to keep in contact with people, especially when you don't see them often or have travelled abroad.

While this may be true for some, it

**Why I Choose Not to be on Facebook**

JENNIFER ROZEMA  
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

There are many things that amuse me, but one of my favourites by far is not having a Facebook account. It never fails to entertain me when people ask me if I have Facebook. This usually happens the next time I speak with someone after meeting them previously. They will try to stealthily insert a comment asking why they couldn't find me on Facebook. It usually comes out "So, I wasn't able to find you on Facebook..." or flatly stating "I couldn't find you on Facebook." I would hardly call any of these statements 'stealthy', but to each their own.

The next step of the process is probably my favourite: watching the baffled, disbelieving expressions that cross the face of the person that I am speaking to. It is possible to exist in this technological world, at this age, without Facebook, and I do survive. Personally, I find my life is much simpler without it.

My reasons for not having a Facebook account are really very simple, but they are also strong personal con-

I find my life is much simpler without Facebook.

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Founders Hall Reopens

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Campus Garden Relocation Woes

Photo: Cameron Raynor

Fish Tank Size Limit Unethical

Photo: Pixabay

# Relocation of Campus Garden Creates Challenges

By KATELYN GAELE

The campus garden might just be one of Augustana's best-kept secrets - many students don't know that it exists, let alone that it was moved this summer. A student is hired each summer as a garden coordinator, and in the fall, the vegetables are harvested and used by the Augustana Chaplaincy for its weekly soup supper.

The garden, which was previously located east of the Drama Building, can now be found behind the Auxiliary Building in raised beds. Cindy Roose, the ASA's executive director, noted that the move had been discussed for quite a while and the ASA has had money allocated for the moves since 2013.

ASA VP Communication, Alyssa Belanger, noted a number of benefits to the move: having the garden in raised beds means less rototilling for maintenance workers, higher visibility and awareness among the student population, the utilization of previously-unused space, and the ability to move the garden again later on if need be.

Holly Yurkoski, the garden coordinator for this year's gardening season, said the change in location, in combination with the new style of raised beds, meant this was a year of experimenting. Yurkoski was encouraged to try out a variety of plants to see how they did in the new location.

The new location presented Yurkoski with a number of challenges, such limited sunlight due to shade from nearby buildings, issues with draining in the new raised bed system, the struggle to protect the bed from deer without putting up an unwelcoming fence, and a minor wind tunnel created by the ravine.

Yurkoski also mentioned having particular difficulty with radishes and soft-skinned beets because of the lack of drainage, a problem which led to root maggots.

Despite all of the challenges, she was able to determine some of the more successful crops in the new location. Yurkoski began the summer with a wide range of plants: tomatoes, peppers, snow peas, zucchini, green and white onions, edamame beans,



The Augustana campus garden is now located behind the Auxiliary Building.

strawberries, cucumbers, potatoes, spearmint, radishes, golden beets, and spinach.

By the end of the summer, she found that squash and root plants seemed to be the best fit for the new garden. Her most successful crops were the zucchini, green and white onions, potatoes, spearmint, golden beets, and spinach.

Although this summer's garden was an experiment that encountered its fair share of failure, its successes showed that the campus garden holds plenty of promise. Now that it is better understood which

works best in the new location, it can be expected that next year will continue to be a period of further success and learning. While Yurkoski admits some of the challenges were frustrating, she said she would "do it again in a heartbeat."

In the interim, students are encouraged to stop by and check out the garden. While most of the vegetables have already been harvested, there is spearmint still waiting to be picked and enjoyed, and Yurkoski hopes to see students enjoying the fall flowers on their walks to and from the Ravine.

## An Augustana Rite of Passage

By MIKAILA PERRINO



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By WESLEY COOK



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## Opinion: Residence One Gallon Fish Tank Limit Unethical

By HOLLY YURKOSKI

You know, a few days ago I saw those fish on campus posters and I thought "Man look at that! Residence is finally letting students feel like they have a home. Now everyone can keep fish that will help them get through their stressful day." I felt positive, I felt glad, I regretted for a second moving off of campus because man, I could have a pet fish now!

Of course all of these thoughts were dashed when I read the poster – one gallon tank size limit. A mere one gallon. Well glad to see that Residence Services knows so little about fish that they're imposing tank limits at random rather than doing some research.

Fish need at least two and a half gal-

lons of tank space to be happy. That goes for all fish. No magic betta is going to be happy in a one gallon tank. Feeling safe, yeah, hence the bubble blowing, but not happy. It infuriates me that residence limited fish tank size to one gallon. That is not how these decisions work. A quick Google search will tell you this is unethical.

Residence Services needs to sit down, read a little, and either decide to remove fish once more or to allow for tanks that are at minimum two and a half gallons. These tanks aren't huge and they're not going to destroy everything if they break. They're tanks that are the proper size and the smallest size for certain fish.

I say certain fish because you're not going to put just anything in a tank that

small. Don't go buy a goldfish. Those guys get huge – up to 10 inches – and you're looking at twenty gallons for one of them. I know that sounds stupid but seriously, you're making their entire ecosystem, their entire world, and they need room to swim.

Now, if you're going to get a fish while on campus (and they actually raise the tank size so that you're not stuffing the poor fish into purgatory) get a betta. Bettas are cute, colourful, playful and, most importantly, able to live in two and a half gallon tanks.

And only get one betta per tank. Not only do they fight but required tank size increases with the number of fish. Two bettas would need a five gallon tank (fun fact you can have female bettas together but you need at least four, meaning a ten gal-

lon tank). They also do not require filters or any other fancy doodads: just treated water, food, and decorations to hide and play in.

Honestly I don't think that, ethically speaking, you should have anything but a betta fish in a two and a half gallon tank, but hey. What do I know? It's not like I actually read a few things before I bought my own fish.

Doing some research would imply effort and a desire not to be cruel to my pet. You know, actually caring instead of just making something up?

Now excuse me while I tip up my butt and fly away because residence is nothing but disappointment.

## Students and Alumni Attend Founders' Hall Reopening

By MELISSA WILK

On Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. students, staff, faculty and alumni guests gathered in the Quad to celebrate the grand re-opening of Founders' Hall. Formerly known as "Camrose Lutheran College" and affectionately known as "Old Main," this 103-year-old building has been under construction for the last two years.

"Founders' Hall is Augustana's iconic building, not just our first building, but also the space that houses the most important memories of our alumni. It is a physical representation of educational values that have informed this campus since its founding," said Augustana Dean Allen Berger. "The old version was dark and felt like a rabbit warren."

The building has undergone many major changes, most of which are to

the interior. "We've tried hard to keep the look and feel of the building's exterior," said Assistant Dean Tim Hanson.

The newly renovated building will provide office space for professors, the Welcome Centre, the Prospective Student Office, Learning Advising and Beyond, International Experience and many other resources to help widen the Augustana student experience.

Sam Kohlmann, vice president of the Augustana Student's Association talked about the implications for students:

"The campus living room is great. They did a wonderful job. It is a very welcoming space that will draw people in. Students will be able to connect more easily with administration and staff. The 'one stop shop' element is beneficial for students wanting unique experiences."

Founders' Hall was the first building on campus in 1912; in the early years housed students and staff, provided classroom and office space, and the lower level was used as the dining hall.

For alumni guests, the grand re-opening of Founders' Hall was a time to reminisce and reflect on the past. Irvin Servold, a 1952 graduate, remarked, "I recall this building very well. The outside looks exactly like it did when I was growing up in Camrose. The inside isn't comparable at all. Back then the girls and boys were separated, it wasn't safe to have us sit together during chapel," said Servold.

The Founders' Hall re-opening has been long-awaited and highly anticipated by students and faculty members. Dean Berger said, "Future generations of students will look back at their time here on



Photo: MELISSA WILK

This campus and in this building, with the same fondness and the same realization that their lives were shaped in transformative and important ways within these walls."

# SPORTS



Golf: Michael Harrison tees off at the regional golf tournament in Camrose Sept. 19-20. The Vikings placed second.



Hockey: Corey Kesloski moves towards the net in the Sept. 20 home game against Portage College. The Vikings won 6-1.



Hockey: Brad Bourke #10 and teammate Pat Thomson #27 move down the ice in the Sept. 20 home game against Portage College. The Vikings won 6-1.

## Upcoming Home Games

Wednesday, Sept. 30

### Hockey

Vikings vs. MacEwan

7:30 p.m.

EnCana Arena

Saturday, Oct. 3

### Soccer

Vikings vs. Concordia

Women 2 p.m. Men 4 p.m.

Varsity Field

Saturday, Oct. 10

### Hockey

Vikings vs. Portage

7:30 p.m.

EnCana Arena

Friday, Oct. 16

### Basketball

Vikings vs. Lakeland

Women 6 p.m. Men 8 p.m.

Varsity Field

Saturday, Oct. 17

### Cross Country Running

Grand Prix #5

11 a.m.

Stoney Creek Centre

### Soccer

Vikings vs. Keyano

Women 2 p.m. Men 4 p.m.

Varsity Field

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Some of the new clubs at the Augustana Club Fair. From left to right: the Sociology Club, the Paintball Club and the Creative Writing Club.

Photo: EMILY LAM

## A Look at Some of Augustana's New Student Clubs

By EMILY MCILROY

### Paintball Club

New to campus this year is the Augustana Paint Ball Club. The Paintball Club executives are planning around four to five events over the course of the academic year. The first event will be held in mid-late October.

"Two of the events will be major games right after midterms, which will be good when people are stressed out from exams. Also we have been talking about having a nerf gun war. Right after the science club does their zombie apocalypse event, the paintball club is going to put on a Game of Thrones-themed battle between the residences," said Club President Landon Redelback.

The group will be driving to one of Alberta's largest paint ball arenas:

"We are going to play at Silver Creek which is a little ways from New Norway, approximately a 20 minute drive south of Augustana," says Redelback.

Silver Creek has 7 fields, including busses, cars, sheds, speakers to play your choice of music, a large castle style fortress, 3 story houses, over 86, 000 feet squared of forest, balls, trenches, a crashed airplane, and a Black Hawk helicopter.

"The place we will go has special equipment so people who are anxious to play, or are concerned about playing, can play with the freedom of knowing they won't get a big welt," adds Redelback.

To see upcoming events and to get in contact with the executive members, students are encouraged to like their Facebook page, "Augustana Valhalla Vikings Paintball".

For more information, contact Vice President Humphrey at [g-humphr@ualberta.ca](mailto:g-humphr@ualberta.ca) or President Redelback at [redelbac@ualberta.ca](mailto:redelbac@ualberta.ca).

### Sociology Club

The Augustana Sociology Club is starting up again this year. The club will meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the forum for roughly 30 minutes.

"We bring to the front social issues that are occurring at Augustana, in Camrose and around the world and then host events to address these social issues," said Club President Micky Sutherland.

The Sociology Club is planning a community event Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. along with the Psychology Club called "The Conspiracy of Hope" for suicide awareness. At the time of this writing, the location of the event has yet to be decided.

"A lady is coming to speak about suicide survivors, she did a photo collection of them and will be talking about her work," says Sutherland.

Anyone is welcome to join even if they do not have a Sociology major or minor, you don't even need to be taking a Sociology class. The club will be connecting via their Facebook group "Augustana Sociology Club". Interested students are invited to join the group.

### Baking Group

Augustana Chaplaincy has started a baking group that meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the kitchen in the East side of the basement of First Year Residence. All are welcome to join and ingredients will be provided. Most of the baked goods are given out after Friday's chapel service, but the baking group members are encouraged to bake to test.

"So far we have baked Saskatoon berry tarts from scratch, zucchini brownies and chocolate chip cookies. [...] It's a fun community-building activity. Who doesn't love baking or eating?"

says Tim Faltin, an Augustana Chaplain.

Students can like the Facebook page "U of A Augustana Chaplaincy (Current Students)" for more information. Dance Club

The Augustana Dance Club will be starting up this year - pending approval from the Augustana Students Association. The club plans to meet on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. in a dance room in the Lougheed Performing Arts Centre. If meeting there isn't a possibility, the club will meet in the basement of the forum once it reopens.

The club will be teaching some basic techniques in a variety of genres such as two stepping, hip hop, ballet, jazz, tap,

Chinese dance, Latin, and ballroom dancing. "The first lesson we will probably start with two stepping...mistakes are encouraged and it will be fun!" says Lam.

All students are welcome to join no matter what their level of experience. Students are encouraged to join even if they have never practiced dance before.

"The goal is for students to have a place to relieve their stress through dancing [...], a really artistic approach to physical exercise, and to expose students to the joy of dancing without any preconceived notion of what is good or bad dancing," says Lam.

## Academic Advising Concerns

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was more proactive as I ended up taking more art courses than science courses.

"Right now I have to switch to a Bachelor of Arts because I cannot take enough science courses even if I decided to take a fifth year."

An academic advisor's job includes many responsibilities including to offer holistic support to students' academic programs and careers. Academic advisors help students navigate their degree and their environment while providing CSL, international and experiential education opportunities.

Despite their importance to students, academic advisors at Augustana receive on the job training. "My first day of work was the first day of school," says Jayla Brewster, an academic advisor at Augustana. "I spent a week running back and forth to Carmen Pearson asking questions."

There are currently over 1,000 students enrolled at Augustana with each one assigned to one of the three academic advisors. This means each advisor needs to know the details of over 300 different academic careers spread out over several different fields of study.

The number of students per academic advisor is actually rather minor compared to the number of students per academic advisor in other post-secondary institutions: the University of Calgary only has five advisors for their entire Faculty of Arts, the University of Victoria has 20 advisors to assist the 20,000 students enrolled there and the University of Saskatchewan has even fewer advisors with 11 positions for their 21,000 students.

"In other faculties in the University of Alberta it can take up to 10 business days to hear back from an academic advisor," comments Augustana academic advisor Sarah Tregonning.

It should be noted that the position of academic advisor is only part time at Augustana. Academic advisors at Augustana

work 20 hours a week, and many have secondary jobs with the university. Jayla works as the Outdoor Education/International coordinator and Sarah is a teaching fellow for the Peter Lougheed Leadership College.

"We wish we could receive more hours to assist students with appointments and to host workshops," says academic advisor Jayla Sawden.

When asked about the negative experiences that certain students have had with their academic advisors, Brewer said,

"We are not in control of the [course] schedule, degrees change, classes change

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and professors go on sabbaticals making certain classes unaccessible. We are here to help students navigate their academic careers, but ultimately it is the student's responsibility to understand their degree requirements including the [Augustana] core and course prerequisites."

There are resources available to students to help them understand their degree requirements. The academic advisors have created the online academic requirement report where students can view their current academic standing. Professors are also available to ask questions about good courses to take.

Alexis Anderson, the supervisor for the academic advisors, urges students to contact her if they have concerns about their academic advisors and can be reached at [a.anderson@ualberta.ca](mailto:a.anderson@ualberta.ca).

In addition, there is an advising feedback session with Alexis Anderson and the Dean of Academics on Oct 14 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Roger Epp Conference room.

## Pedway Project Proceeds

By ALLISON IKENOUTE

Fundraising has been successfully completed to construct a new pedway connecting the forum and library building to the newly renovated Founder's Hall.

In anticipation of the new project, Augustana Director of Development Bonnie Anderson shared more details on the upcoming installation of the pedway.

The pedway will guide all students and faculty traffic directly to the Learning, Advising and Beyond (LAB) offices, which will be located on the second floor of Founder's Hall.

Founder's Hall will also feature the Protective Student Office located on the main level; the Luther & Florence Olson Welcome Centre, which will serve as a campus living room; the Alumni and Development offices will be located on the lower floor along with the Jean Hachborn Common Room. Faculty offic-

es and Research Assistant spaces will be located on the third and fourth floors.

Anderson is especially satisfied with how easily accessed the Learning, Advising and Beyond (LAB) Offices will be through the pedway. The LAB Offices are where students can gather to do everything from organizing their class schedules, setting up community services learning placements and planning their careers.

The pedway is to be built off site and then lifted into place, keeping in mind that there are other projects being built on campus. The pedway will also boast some sustainable and energy efficient features.

With design details still under way, students can expect to this new development that will keep students and staff warm throughout Camrose's cold winter conditions and expedite transit throughout campus.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Vikings Games

Check out the sports sections for a complete list of upcoming Vikings home games!



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## Wednesday September 30

### DidUknow: How to Share

### Documents with Google Drive

1:00 p.m.

Library Classroom 1-130

Register at [www.augustana.ualberta.ca](http://www.augustana.ualberta.ca)  
Note: space is limited and registration will be closed when space is full.

## 2016 India Tour Info Session

6:30 p.m.

Classroom Building C014

## Thursday, October 1

### Secret Fire Book Tour & Concert

3 p.m.

Sacred Arts Cafe

Join Lisa Guenther for the launch of her first novel Friendly Fire with musician Best Kept Secret Girlfriend for an afternoon of reading and music.

## Friday, October 2

### Marie - Josee Lord

8 p.m.

Lougheed Performing Arts Centre

Tickets: \$24+GST, Students

& Seniors \$20+GST

### Rail: Rural Alberta

### Innovation & Learning

Augustana Campus

### Chaplaincy Coffee House

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Faith & Life Building

## Wednesday, October 7

### Chaplaincy Baking

7:30-9 p.m.

Hoyme First Year Basement

### The Blues Brothers - The Movie

7:30 p.m.

Lougheed Performing Arts Centre

Tickets : Adults: \$11, Subscribers &

Blue Bros Revue Ticket Holders: \$9

## Friday, October 9

Lunch & Learn: Drugs, Doping, & the Olympic Torch  
12-1 p.m.  
Roger Epp Conference Room

## The Pack AD

Bailey Theatre

## Saturday, October 10

Letting Go Yoga Workshop  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Sacred Arts Cafe  
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## Friday, October 16

Who Made Who - Tribute to AC/DC  
7:30 - 11 p.m.  
Best Western Plus Camrose Resort Casino  
Tickets : Adults: \$30+GST

## Saturday, October 17

Bam Percussion eXplosion  
2 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : Adults: \$18+GST,  
Student & Senior: \$12+GST

## No Sinner, Rock & Blues

Bailey Theatre  
Tickets: \$25/general admission, \$15/students

## Sunday October 18

Bergmann Duo  
2 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : Adults: \$18+GST  
Students & Seniors: \$15+GST

## Friday, October 23

Leisa Way starring in Sweet Dreams  
5:45 - 10 p.m.  
Best Western Plus Camrose Resort Casino  
Tickets : Adults: \$30+GST  
A Tribute to Patsy Cline featuring the Wayward Wind

## Saturday October 24

The Official Blues Brothers™ Revue  
8 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : Adults: \$49+GST,  
Students & Seniors: 10% Off

## Saturday October 31

Class of '59  
8 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : \$39.75 plus applicable fees

## Saturday November 07

Sharon & Bram  
2 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : Adults: \$21+GST,  
Students & Seniors: \$17+GST

## Sunday November 08

Milton Schlosser | Piano  
2 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : Adults: \$18+GST,  
Students & Seniors: \$15+GST

## Tuesday November 10

Six Guitars  
8 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : Adults: \$24+GST,  
Students & Seniors: \$22+GST

## Friday November 13

Making Peace with the Land Conference  
Augustana Campus

## Saturday, November 14

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## Friday November 14

Bill Durst, Blues  
Bailey Theatre  
Tickets: \$25/general admission, \$15/students

## Friday November 20

Sultans of String  
8 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : Adults: \$24+GST,  
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### Sloan Ramblers

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## Saturday December 05

### Susan Aglukark

8 p.m.

Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : Adults: \$39+GST,  
Students & Seniors: \$36+GST

## Friday December 11

Shred Kelly, Folk Alternative Rock  
Bailey Theatre

## Saturday December 12

Snowbird - A Tribute to Anne Murray  
7 p.m.  
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre  
Tickets : \$38.25+GST

## Saturday December 19

Tenore, Christmas with You  
8 p.m.  
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## Six Augustana Residence and Academics Questions Answered

By JENNIFER HA

On our tiny campus, many students tend to go through similar experiences—most students probably have several hilarious stories of living in dorms their first year or having an eccentric item on display that they picked up at SCORE! Sometimes, however, these shared experiences are ones of concern or frustration. For this issue, the Dagligate sat down with administrators to address issues students have brought forward concerning academics and residence life in order to find some answers for common questions that students have on campus.

### Residence Life

The majority of Augustana students experience life in residence for at least one year. This means communal showers, weekend brunches, and a whole lot of other pleasant things. Sometimes, mysteries or discomforts creep into residence life. Having received questions about some of these, the Dagligate sat down with Mark Chytracik, the director of Student and Residence Services, in order to get answers. What happened to the ravine ovens? They have been unplugged since the beginning of the school year.

In short, they were no longer in working condition. On some of them, the knobs had been taken off then forced back on inaccurately, resulting in ovens not turning on or off the way the user intended.

Residence staff had encountered, upon walking into a Ravine Kitchen, the smell of gas after the ovens had been left on overnight. The ovens have now been disconnected and the gas turned off. There are plans to install replacement electric stoves as long as there are sufficient outlets in the residences to support them. How much money does the school actually save through our dry residence policy?

"I imagine it's about \$10,000," said Chytracik.

Beyond the insurance fees, the dry residence policy is also attributed to keeping our residences clean and intact. "Our costs related to vandalism," Chytracik explains, "are none."

But it's not just about the money, he notes. Because of the structure of our dorms, the rooms (as many students know) are not very soundproof, nor are they meant to fit very many people. By banning alcohol, Residence Life is able to maintain a quiet, study-friendly space for students. What is happening with future residences?

Chytracik envisions big spaces with five or six bedrooms housing third and fourth year students.

"So you have the first year residence doing what it does [fostering a community], then you have the Ravine residences that are for second year students—a little more private, with individual washrooms. Then you'd move over here in your third and fourth year. Over here, I would see that the alcohol policy is not what it is in the existing dorms," Chytracik says.

Because the school does not yet own all the properties on the projected site, the proposed seventy-two bedroom project has yet to get underway. Chytracik anticipates a couple more years until the project starts. Why aren't gym fees included in tuition?

Though unsure of the exact logistics, Chytracik suspects that the decision to separate gym fees with tuition is something of a tradition. "They're separate at North Campus which is probably why they're separated here," Chytracik said, adding that the school "tries to pull out as many things as possible in order to keep tuition low [...] like the U-Pass for Augustana students."

### Academics

At the end of the day, students all gather here at Augustana to learn. As a result, it's no surprise that students have burning questions regarding academics. The Dagligate spoke with Dr. Karsten Mundel, Augustana's vice dean of academics, to answer questions regarding academics at Augustana. How will the new 3/11 semester structure work? When will it be instituted? What effect will it have on different disciplines?

The 3/11 semester has been an ongoing process for well over three years that culminated in a near-unanimous vote at faculty council because it is believed to make the education experience better for students. The faculty believes that this new structure will create a series of great opportunities for students to immerse themselves in more experiential learning.

With this new structure, students will still be able to take five courses (if they so choose) in a fourteen week term, with one of them taken alone over the course of three weeks. The remaining courses will be taken over the subsequent eleven weeks. The decisions regarding which courses will be offered as three week courses have yet to be made. This semester structure is planned on being instituted in the 2017-2018 school year. What background do the academic advisors come from and what qualifications do they have for their position?

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Alexis Lindberg, the supervisor for the Learning, Advising, and Beyond Office said: "When we post academic advisor positions, we are looking for an undergraduate or master's degree—typically in a human services field. We are looking for work experience in a related field. We find it to be most beneficial for staff to be Augustana grads to have a familiarity with our community. However, that is not required."

On the same matter, Dr. Mundel, who is also the director of the Learning, Advising, and Beyond Office, responded: "It really depends on where that question is coming from. If it's a student feeling that [the advisors] are not qualified... Your academic preparation isn't what qualifies you in the end to be a good academic advisor. It's your ability to read the calendar, understand what's going on, and to be able to advocate for students and help them understand

what we are trying to achieve with the Augustana experience where there is a collective whole, a comprehensive approach to liberal education. [We hire people] who can interpret that and explain that to students."

When asked if he recognized the frustration many students felt regarding the academic advising process at Augustana, Dr. Mundel said, "I would love help from students because this is not the first time I have heard this—from students, from faculty, from the advisor. But to actually understand what it is that is frustrating [would be beneficial]. Is it actually the core? The major? Is it Augustana that's frustrating?"

If you have any questions about Augustana that you'd like to see answered, email them to us at [dagligate@ualberta.ca](mailto:dagligate@ualberta.ca) or tweet us at [@DagligateNews](https://twitter.com/DagligateNews).